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ROGER STEVENS WILL SPEAK AT STATE ARTS CONFERENCE

Roger L. Stevens, chairman of the National Arts Council, Washington, D. C., will spark the slate of national, state and municipal government officials who will take part in the Montana Governor's Conference on the Arts Jan. 15 and 16 in Helena.

The morning session Thursday, Jan. 16, will be on "Government and the Arts." Stevens' address on the topic will be followed by discussion by a panel comprised of Steve Wexler, counsel for the U. S. Senate; Montana Sens. William Bertsche, D-Great Falls, and James Haughey, R-Billings; Montana Reps. James Lucas, R-Miles City, and Ray Wayrynen, D-Butte, and Mayor Willard Fraser of Billings.

Stevens first won national recognition as the realtor who sold the Empire State building. He subsequently became a successful theatrical producer. He has served as adviser on the arts to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. He is chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts and chairman of the Kennedy Center for the Arts, Washington, D. C.

Thursday morning conference events will get under way at 9:30 a.m. in the House Chamber of the State Capitol with welcomes from Gov. Forrest H. Anderson, Lt. Gov. Thomas L. Judge and Speaker of the House Lucas. Presiding at the session will be Dr. Charles W. Bolen, dean of the University of Montana School of Fine Arts and chairman of the Montana Arts Council. The MAC is the state agency that is coordinating the conference.

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Thursday afternoon leading national and state businessmen will address themselves to the topic, "Business and the Arts."

The opening conference session, Wednesday afternoon, features concurrent seminars on visual arts, dance, drama and music, all revolving around the theme, "The Future of the Arts in Montana." A banquet is scheduled Wednesday evening.

The conference is open to the public, Dr. Bolen said.